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TWO ANCHORAGE MEN SENTENCED TO FEDERAL PRISON
FOR CONVICTIONS RELATING TO DRUG TRAFFICKING

Anchorage, Alaska – United States Attorney Nelson P. Cohen announced today, February 19, 2008, that two Anchorage, Alaska residents were sentenced in federal court in Anchorage. Jimmie Jerome Green was sentenced to 94 months in prison for his convictions of conspiracy in relation to controlled substances trafficking and distribution of crack cocaine. In a separate hearing, co-defendant Keimonte Lamar Blueford received a sentence of 32 months for his conviction of conspiracy in relation to controlled substances trafficking.

United States District Court Ralph R. Beistline imposed the sentences on Green, age 23, of 544 Turpin, No. 3, and Blueford, age 19, of 6908 Crawford Street.

According to information presented to the court by Special Assistant United States Attorney Erin White, the defendants collaborated to sell crack cocaine to an informant working for the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Initially, Blueford agreed to sell crack cocaine to the informant, and Green actually met with the informant to consummate the transaction. At a later date, after learning that Blueford was not available, the informant met with defendant Green and purchased crack cocaine for a second time. The total amount of crack cocaine distributed during the course of this conspiracy amounted to 11 grams. The defendants shared the profits of the drug sales.

Prior to imposing sentence, Judge Beistline noted the serious nature of the criminal actions in this case, as well as defendant Green's lengthy criminal history. Defendant Green has a prior history of felony convictions for drug offenses. In imposing the sentence on defendant Blueford, Judge Beistline recognized the fact that this is Blueford's first criminal conviction.

Mr. Cohen commended the Federal Bureau of Investigation's Safe Streets Task Force for the investigation leading to the successful prosecution of both Green and Blueford. SAUSA White is one of two prosecutors in the U.S. Attorney's Office who are funded by the Municipality of Anchorage for the purpose of prosecuting gang-related and violent crime cases.

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